

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**January 15, 2002**  
**Mayor and All Aldermen**

**Upon Recess of BMA**  
**Aldermanic Chambers**  
**City Hall (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)**

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault, and Forest

Absent: Alderman Wihby

Alderman Osborne moved to read the Resolution by title only. Alderman Gatsas duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Gatsas asked have we received approval from the State for an emergency shelter program.

Mr. Clougherty replied my recollection is that Alderman Gatsas raised that question at the last meeting and the response at least initially from the people making the presentation was that they didn't feel that was something that needed to occur. I don't know if anybody followed up on that.

Alderman Gatsas stated I believe there is an RSA that talks about emergency shelters and approval.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated I believe what he is referring to is the Emergency Shelter Grant Program, which is part of the State law that the Solicitor's Office is looking at now.

Deputy Solicitor Arnold stated I will have to get you an answer on that.

Mayor Baines replied we will ask the Solicitor's Office to get an answer and report back at the next meeting.

Alderman Gatsas stated I would like to table this item.

Mayor Baines asked, Carol, is there any problem with tabling this tonight.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered you have two separate resolutions there. I don't know that the second resolution has anything to do with emergency shelters. Perhaps you could just allow it to be read by title only and then you can table the first one if you would like to do so.

Mayor Baines asked are there any funds that are needed right now though.

Mr. Clougherty answered not to my knowledge. We already have a contract with the people over there and there is already money in the Welfare budget.

Alderman Lopez asked does the City Solicitor know if it is a State law that we can't make French Hall an emergency shelter. Is that what we are saying?

Mayor Baines answered no.

Alderman Lopez asked what are we saying here.

Deputy Solicitor Arnold answered I am going to have to look at the statutes. I don't believe there is a requirement for State approval, but I will have to look at that. I have not researched that question up to this point.

Alderman Lopez asked will the Welfare Commissioner be advised of this.

Mayor Baines answered yes we will have Mr. Arnold talk to Mr. Martineau tomorrow.

Mayor Baines called for a vote on the motion to read by title only. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Resolutions:

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to Highway and up to Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000) to Welfare from Contingency for New Horizons for French Hall.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$59,290) from Contingency to City Clerk for Election Costs for the Two Special State Elections Scheduled for February and March.”

On motion of Alderman Gatsas, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to table the first Resolution.

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted that the second Resolution ought to pass and be enrolled.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Forest it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk